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31. (Once Amended) A haulage vehicle comprising in combination: a mechanism for moving a container of material and loading the material onto the haulage vehicle while the vehicle remains stationary; a sensor mounted to the vehicle proximate a region through which the container is moved for retrieving from the container a machine-readable code when the container is moved through the region; and, an electronic processor for collecting the code retrieved by the sensor, time stamping the code and compiling a historical record identifying the container and a time when the material from it was collected.

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32. (Once Amended) The haulage vehicle as set forth in claim ~~31~~ wherein the mechanism for moving the container extends beyond a frame of the vehicle [for moving] and moves the container by lifting it from a ground surface.

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Please add the following new claims 38-60:

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-6 38. A method of tracking material collected by a haulage vehicle comprising the steps of: moving a container of material and loading the material onto the vehicle while the vehicle remains stationary; monitoring a region through which the container must move when the material is loaded onto the haulage vehicle; retrieving from the container a machine-readable code when the container is moved through the region; time stamping the code; and, compiling a historical record identifying the container and a time when the material was collected.--

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-- 39. The method of claim 38 including the step of weighing the material loaded onto the haulage vehicle and incorporating a weight of the material into the historical record and correlating it with the code of the container and the time when the material was collected. --

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-- ⁸~~40~~. The method of claim ⁷~~39~~ wherein the step of weighing the material loaded onto the container includes detecting an incremental increase in a total weight of material carried by the haulage vehicle. --

-- ⁹~~41~~. The method of claim ⁶~~38~~ including the step of downloading the retrieved code from the vehicle to a fixed and remote location via a wireless link. --

-- ¹⁰~~42~~. The method of claim ⁹~~41~~ including the step of using the retrieved code at the fixed and remote location to monitor movement of the vehicle. --

C2 -- ¹¹~~43~~. The method of claim ⁹~~41~~ wherein the step of downloading of the retrieved code includes generating an RF link between the vehicle and the remote and fixed site. --

-- ¹²~~44~~. A method for tracking bulk material collected by a haulage vehicle comprising the steps of: moving a container of bulk material and loading the material onto the haulage vehicle; monitoring a region through which the container must move when the material is loaded onto the haulage vehicle; retrieving from the container a machine-readable code when the container is moved through the region; time-stamping the retrieved code; and, downloading the code to a remote and fixed site via a wireless link. --

-- ¹³~~45~~. The method of claim ¹²~~44~~ including the step of weighing the material loaded onto the haulage vehicle and downloading the weight of the material with the code for the container. --

-- ²⁰~~46~~. The method of claim ¹²~~44~~ including the step of tracking the location of the haulage vehicle at the remote and fixed site. --

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-- ~~47~~. The method of claim ~~46~~²⁰ including the step of generating a voice link between the haulage vehicle and the remote and fixed site. --

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-- ~~48~~. The method of claim ~~44~~¹² including the step of archiving the time stamped code. --

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-- ~~49~~. The method of claim ~~45~~¹³ including the step of monitoring the inclination of the vehicle. --

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-- ~~50~~. The method of claim 49 including correcting any error in the weight of the material created by the inclination of the vehicle. --

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-- ~~51~~. The method of claim ~~45~~¹³ including the step of downloading a status of an operating parameter of the vehicle with the retrieved machine-readable code. --

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-- ~~52~~. The method of claim ~~44~~¹² including the steps of identifying an operator of the vehicle; and, recording the identity of the operator. --

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-- ~~53~~. The method of claim ~~44~~¹² including the step of monitoring the location of the haulage vehicle by determining a heading of the vehicle and a distance the vehicle has traveled since the machine-readable code was retrieved. --

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-- ~~54~~. The method of claim ~~44~~¹² including the step of locating the haulage vehicle by detecting location signals generated by a land or satellite-based positioning system. --

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-- ~~55~~. The method of claim ~~45~~¹³ including the step of monitoring the total weight of all material loaded onto the haulage vehicle. --

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-- ~~56~~. The method of claim ¹⁷~~55~~ including the step of determining a weight distribution of the material between fore and aft locations of the vehicle. --

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-- ~~57~~. The method of claim ¹⁷~~55~~ wherein the fore and aft locations are proximate front and rear axles of the haulage vehicle. --

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-- ~~58~~. A method for identifying and recording as an event a change in a load hauled by a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of: interrogating a device ^{associated} ~~associate~~ with the load; retrieving from the device a machine readable code in conjunction with the event; sensing the change in the load and generating data describing the change; time-stamping the data and the machine-readable code; correlating the data and the code; and compiling a historical record of the events for later use. --

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-- ~~59~~. The method of claim ²⁶~~58~~ including the steps of adding material to the load hauled by the vehicle; ^{and} ~~and~~ successfully retrieving the code only in conjunction with the adding of material to the load. --

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-- ~~60~~. The method of claim ²⁷~~59~~ including the step of adding material to the load from a container to which the machine-readable code is secured. --

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